

# CLINE MOORE

Motivational Speaker, Community  
Activist

Behavior Management Specialist,  
Sacramento County Office of  
Education



## Bio

Author and educator, Cline Moore, is one of the most dynamic speakers and team leaders working with today's relevant and pressing social issues.

Mr. Moore worked tirelessly with at-risk and disadvantaged populations through the California Department of Education, the Sacramento County Office of Education, the Department of Corrections, R.O.P. programs, group homes, and countless schools, churches, health, and community centers.

An avid storyteller, this griot uses anecdotal stories, historical records, and ancient wisdom, all combined with current news, events, and an active sense of humor, to give voice to the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing young and old alike, as we attempt to find common ground in these volatile times.

# LINDSAY COATE

Co-Chair, Sacramento County Opioid  
Coalition

Vice President of Strategic  
Operations, Sacramento Sierra Valley  
Medical Society

Executive Director, Bridging Medicine



## Bio

Lindsay Coate is the Vice President of Strategic Operations for the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society and Executive Director for Bridging Medicine, where she oversees operations, communications, and several programs designed to advocate for the physical and mental health of the local community.

She has a diverse background in nonprofit executive leadership, program management, fundraising, and communications.

Lindsay has been the co-chair of the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition since 2017.

# ERIC GRANT

U.S. Attorney



## Bio

Mr. Grant was appointed by Attorney General Pam Bondi to serve as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California beginning on August 11, 2025. He is a veteran of the Department of Justice, having served twice in Washington, D.C.: from 1991 to 1993 as an Attorney-Adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel, and from 2017 to 2021 as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD). During his tenure at ENRD, Mr. Grant supervised more than a hundred Department litigators advancing the interests of the United States and its agencies in both enforcement and defensive matters, both civil and criminal.

In addition to his service in the Department, Mr. Grant has decades of experience in private practice in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento. That experience includes arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, and numerous other federal and state courts.

Mr. Grant served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger (retired) and Associate Justice Clarence Thomas during the Supreme Court's October 1994 Term. Earlier, he served as a law clerk to Judge Edith H. Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Grant grew up in Modesto, California, and raised his family in Sacramento County. He attended the University of California, Berkeley, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in economics (1986) and a law degree (1990).

# LORI MILLER, LCSW

Behavioral Health Division Manager

Sacramento County Behavioral  
Health Services (BHS)

Substance Use Prevention and  
Treatment (SUPT)



## Bio

Lori Miller, LCSW, has over 25 years of experience in Behavioral Health and currently serves as the Behavioral Health Division Manager over the Substance Use Prevention and Treatment unit for Sacramento County Department of Health Services.

Lori is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds a master's degree in Social Work from California State University, Sacramento. As BH Division Manager, she provides strong leadership, passionate advocacy, and a commitment to integrated services, working to reduce stigma and address trauma for those struggling with behavioral health challenges. Lori oversees County and contracted provider services and programs, including clinical settings and school sites, and is responsible for overseeing the adherence to State and Federal regulations and statutes.

Lori was instrumental in bringing a Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System to Sacramento County and expanded multiple substance use prevention and treatment programs. She assisted in the development of the Meth and Opioid Coalitions and is an active and integral member of the CBHDA Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Committee, the Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission, and the Behavioral Health Racial and Equity Collaborative.

Lori takes a collaborative approach in her work, values and builds innovative partnerships with multiple County departments and community organizations. Lori believes everyone should have quality behavioral health care, so she strives to continuously improve the delivery of client care, explore innovative, specialized, alternative treatment models, and improve timely access to services across the service delivery continuum.

Prevention works, Treatment is effective, and People recover.

# ROSA VEGA, M.S.

Sacramento County Coroner



## Bio

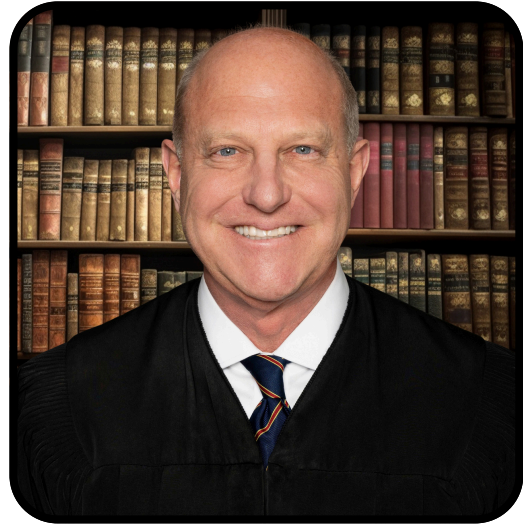
Rosa A. Vega was appointed Sacramento County Coroner in 2022 after 17 years with the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner's Office. She has investigated thousands of deaths and is very passionate about the field.

Coroner Vega holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration with a concentration in Forensic Science Administration from Loyola University New Orleans and a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice with a minor in Physical Anthropology from San Jose State University.

She is a Diplomate Registered Death Investigator through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. Topics of interest include cold cases, child fatalities, drug fatalities, and forensic anthropology.

# JUDGE LAWRENCE BROWN

Presiding Judge of the Sacramento  
Superior Court



## Bio

Judge Lawrence Brown serves as Presiding Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court. He previously served as Assistant Presiding Judge and Supervising Judge, Collaborative Courts. Widely recognized as a statewide expert on addressing mental illness and addiction in the criminal justice system, until August 2025, he served as Chair of the Judicial Council of California's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee.

Judge Brown has been recognized for his work by the Chief Probation Officers of California, the County Behavioral Health Directors of California, the Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, and the Sacramento County Indigent Defense Panel. In 2022, he was named "Judge of the Year" by the Sacramento County Bar Association. He also served as President of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court from 2019 to 2022.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Brown served as First Assistant United States Attorney and Interim United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California. A graduate of U.C. Davis School of Law, Judge Brown began his career in the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, later becoming Executive Director of the California District Attorneys Association, where he served as chief legislative advocate and representative for California's 58 elected District Attorneys.

Judge Brown has taught judges throughout the state on felony sentencing, ethics, and collaborative justice, and was a longtime adjunct professor at U.C. Davis School of Law.

# LELAND D. WASHINGTON

Principal Criminal Attorney,  
Supervisor Major Narcotics Unit

Sacramento District Attorney Office



## Bio

A native of Sacramento, Leland Washington spent 5 years serving in the U.S Army before attending California State University, Sacramento in 1995. After earning his BA degree in Government in 1998, he attended the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law, graduating and receiving a Juris Doctorate in May 2001.

In November of 2001, Mr. Washington was sworn in as a Deputy District Attorney for Sacramento County. During his 25-year career, Mr. Washington has prosecuted 78 jury trials with cases ranging from misdemeanors, domestic violence, career criminals, violent crimes, gang shootings, and homicides. Specializing in multi-defendant gang shootings, SDDA Washington was the first prosecutor in any jurisdiction in California to successfully prosecute multiple members from two rival gangs in the same case based on a mutual shootout.

During his time in the DA's office, SDDA Washington has supervised Felony Trial Teams, Superior Court Review Team, Community and Government Relations Team, along with stints as a Community Prosecutor and State Prison Death Penalty Homicide prosecutor.

SDDA Washington currently serves in the dual role as Lead Attorney on the SAC-FORCE Team and Supervisor of the District Attorney's Major Narcotics Prosecution Unit. Based on his work fighting the fentanyl crisis in 2025, Washington was honored as the State of California's Prosecutor of the Year by the California District Attorney's Investigators Association.

Mr. Washington spent 20 years as an adjunct professor at McGeorge Law School, teaching trial evidence and coaching on the Mock Trial team. He is active as a community volunteer, coaching youth softball and serving as a board member for Big Brother Big Sister of Sacramento for 5 years, where he currently serves as the Board Chair.

# RON TAM

Assistant Chief Deputy

Sacramento County Probation  
Department



## Bio

Ron Tam is a Northern California native and proud Sacramento State alumnus. His passion for helping others and commitment to public safety led him to join the Sacramento County Probation Department in 2002, where he began his career as an on-call staff member at the Youth Detention Facility.

Over the years, Ron has held a variety of assignments across both the Adult and Juvenile Field Divisions. His career came full circle when he returned to the Youth Detention Facility as a Watch Commander. He is a certified Defensive Tactics and Firearms Instructor, as well as a Field Training Officer.

Currently serving as an Assistant Chief Deputy, Ron is assigned to the Adult Field Services Division. In this role, he oversees several key programs and units, including Collaborative Courts, Gangs, AB 109, DUI, Post-Release Community Supervision, Community Outreach, Adult Day Reporting Centers, and Adult Intake.

With more than 20 years of experience in both field and institutional settings, Ron brings valuable expertise and leadership to the next generation of public servants.

In his free time, Ron enjoys spending time with his family and reliving his competitive days on the tennis court.

# SAMEER SOOD

Lieutenant, IMPACT Team

Sacramento Police Department



## Bio

Sameer Sood is a Lieutenant with the Sacramento Police Department, currently supervising the department's IMPACT unit. With over 21 years in law enforcement, Lieutenant Sood brings a unique perspective to public service, rooted in his previous career as a high school history teacher.

Lieutenant Sood has served in a wide array of specialized units, including Patrol, FTO, Gang Enforcement, Internal Affairs, Metro, Outreach, and is a POST-Certified instructor.

Raised in California's Central Valley and having lived overseas, Lieutenant Sood utilizes his understanding of diverse cultures to foster stronger connections between the department and the communities it serves.

He is a graduate of the P.O.S.T. Command College Program and holds a B.A. in History and a Teaching Credential in Secondary Education from California State University, Long Beach.

# GINA WARREN, PHARMD

Chief Executive Officer

Neighborhood Wellness Foundation



## Bio

Dr. Gina Warren is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Neighborhood Wellness Foundation (NW), a community-embedded nonprofit serving Del Paso Heights and surrounding North Sacramento neighborhoods. A graduate of the University of California, San Francisco, she is a California-licensed, board-certified clinical pharmacist with more than 30 years of clinical practice experience. Dr. Warren applies clinical and neurodevelopmental science to community settings, integrating behavioral health stabilization, social determinants of health intervention, and care coordination. traditional medical environments.

She leads cross-sector partnerships across schools, healthcare providers, community agencies, and outreach settings, including school campuses and field engagement with individuals experiencing homelessness. At partnering schools, NW facilitates non-clinical Healing Circles that support emotional regulation, reduce behavioral crises, and improve school engagement. Her work focuses on the health impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), chronic toxic stress, and community trauma as drivers of behavioral health.

health instability, substance use, and poor long-term health outcomes.

Dr. Warren oversees a workforce model combining professional expertise with lived experience, employing neighborhood navigators and community health workers to provide outreach, care coordination, and stabilization services. Through opioid education and naloxone training and distribution across community settings, NW has contributed to significant reductions in fentanyl-related deaths in targeted Sacramento ZIP codes. She co-presented community-based participatory research with Northeastern University at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. (2025).

Her work centers on preventing higher levels of care, improving functioning, and creating pathways to education, recovery, and economic mobility.

# JAMIE WHITE, MPH

Division Manager

Sacramento County Public Health



## Bio

Jamie White is a Division Manager at Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH). She provides administrative oversight of several key units, including Epidemiology, Vital Records, and Emergency Preparedness; the Public Health Laboratory; Health Education, Racial Equity, and Accreditation; Workforce Development; and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Jamie joined SCPH in 2015 and served as the Epidemiology Program Manager for over eight years before stepping into her current leadership role in September 2023.

A cornerstone of Jamie's career is her dedication to child welfare and public health crisis response. She served as the SCPH Department Operations Center Incident Commander for the COVID-19 pandemic. A founding member of the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition, Jamie was recently elected Co-Chair of its Executive Committee. Jamie has also served on the County Child Death Review Team (CDRT) since 2015. As a member of its Prevention Advisory Committee, she helps translate annual data into actionable policy and intervention recommendations to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

Jamie earned a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Her graduate research focused on the relationship between maternal residential proximity to toxic release sites and preterm birth. Driven by both professional expertise and lived experience supporting loved ones with substance use disorders, Jamie brings an evidence-based and compassionate perspective to her work.

At this summit, she joins Nurse Manager Rachel Allen to present a systems-level perspective on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

# RACHEL ALLEN, RN, BSN, PHN

Nurse Manager II

Sacramento County Public Health



## Bio

Rachel Allen is a Nurse Manager II at Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH). In her current role, she manages multiple programs, including the Immunization Assistance Program as well as the Nursing Units that support Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, and In-Home Supportive Services. As a Nurse Manager for SCPH, Rachel leads a team of 50 Public Health Nurses and support staff.

Rachel graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Humboldt State University. She has nearly 30 years of nursing experience, spanning both inpatient and outpatient pediatric care, health program coordination for public and community health programs, and is trained as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.

Rachel's career includes extensive work in COVID -19 response, as well as media communications and cross-sector collaboration. She is passionate about leading high-performing clinical teams in complex public health environments.

# TAWNY ARNDS

Community member, Advocate,  
Mother



## Bio

Tawny Arnds is a 64-year-old mother of 3 and grandmother of 6. She and her husband, Tony, have spent the last 25 years in ministry and are currently planting a church in Folsom.

Since they lost their 19-year-old son Josh, a Folsom High School graduate, to Fentanyl Poisoning, Tawny has been passionate about sharing his story and warning anyone who will listen about the dangers of Fentanyl.

# KELLEY NALEWAJA

Community member, Advocate,  
Mother

## Bio

Kelley Nalewaja will share her memories and story of her son, Michael Nalewaja, who died from fentanyl poisoning on 11-23-2025. He was 36 years old.

Kelley has been married for 38 years this August. She has three other daughters, Tannah, Blair, and Caroline, and five grandkids: Ella, Luke, Willow, Olivia, and Mackenzie.

Kelley has been an active participant in local politics and issues for over 30 years. In lieu of a funeral for Michael, she held a Town Hall in El Dorado County. The Town Hall was attended by 200 residents, including Federal, State, and Local Elected officials, the Sheriff and Fire Department, the DA office, and 6 Angel Moms with their stories.

# MAREKA COLE

Community member, Advocate,  
Mother

## Bio

Mareka Cole will share her memories and story of her son, Marek Cole, who passed from carfentanil poisoning in 2021.

Marek is the youngest of five boys, was autistic, and was very loved. Marek embraced language. Marek could speak multiple languages, including Russian, which he spoke fluently. He received a better grade in his Spanish class than he did in his English class!

Marek's other past hobby was skateboarding. There was no stopping him after we bought him an electric skateboard! People would see him in the neighborhood, and he would just wave and keep zipping by.

Marek is truly missed by his family and friends.

# JOHN CHUCK, MD

Chief Wellness Officer  
Professor of Family Medicine

California Northstate University



## Bio

John Chuck, M.D., is the Chief Wellness Officer and Professor of Family Medicine at California Northstate University. He was previously the Regional Chairperson of the Physician Health & Wellness Leaders Group for The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG), where he worked for over three decades as a primary care physician.

John works with teams and organizations on issues related to the reciprocal domains of wellness, including culture, workplace efficiency, and personal resilience habits. He has summarized many of his teachings in a book titled *Pearls from the Practice of Life: A Family Physician's Guide to Struggle Less and Thrive More* (Amazon, 2021). His second book, *Optimisms: Bite-Sized Truths for Big Reframes*, is scheduled for release in 2026.

John earned a B.S. in Nutritional Sciences from U.C. Berkeley and his M.D. from the UCLA School of Medicine. He did his family medicine residency at the UC Davis Medical Center. His work has been recognized with the Sidney Garfield Exceptional Contribution Award from The Permanente Medical Group (2004) and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the UC Davis Alumni Association (2014).

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# TAYLOR NICHOLS, MD

Chief Executive Officer, Transitions  
Addiction Medicine Group

Medical Director, Transitions Clinic of  
Sacramento



## Bio

Dr. Taylor Nichols is a board-certified physician in both Emergency Medicine and Addiction Medicine, as well as a nationally recognized voice in health policy and patient advocacy.

He utilizes his expertise in emergency care and comprehensive addiction treatment in healthcare leadership and policy innovation. Working clinically in both emergency medicine and addiction medicine, his most impactful role is serving as the medical director of Transitions Clinic of Sacramento.

His advocacy work focuses on improving access to addiction treatment, reducing barriers to care, reducing stigma, and advancing evidence-based approaches to substance use disorders at both the state and national levels.

# **GARRETT STENSON, MSW**

Program Director

C.O.R.E. Medical Clinic, Inc.



## **Bio**

Garrett Stenson is the Program Director. He graduated with a degree in Psychology from California Polytechnic State University in 1997 and earned his Master's Degree in Social Work from CSUS in 2001.

Garrett has served as a Program Director in the field since 2004 and has over 25 years of experience in Medication-Assisted Treatment for substance use disorders. Garrett enjoys interacting with patients and doing presentations in the local community to help reduce stigma in our patient population, which they too frequently experience.

# SHARI EGELAND

Executive Director

Omni Youth Programs



## Bio

Shari is currently the Executive Director and Research Specialist at Omni Youth Programs, a youth drug prevention non-profit in Sacramento, CA.

She has a Master's degree in Counseling, M.F.T., and over 25 years of experience training, teaching, and supporting professionals, teens, young adults, parents, and families on Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) prevention and other topics, and is certified as a Model Program Trainer in 6 AOD Model Programs.

She has developed curricula, supervised youth parks and recreation programs, presented, and been a guest panelist as a prevention expert at numerous summits and conferences.